

Agenda

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Committee Meeting
Thursday 2nd March 2023 7:30pm
Cask & Tap, 82 Topping Street, Blackpool, FY1 3AD

Attendees: Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Ray Jackson (RJ), Alistair Blair (AB), Gary Levin (GL), Gary Walkey (GW), Graham Monk (GM), Mark Lewis (ML), Matt Walker (MW), Rob Wheatley (RW)

Apologies : None

1. Welcome

RP welcomed all to the meeting

2. Expressions of Interest

There were none.

3. AGM and Committee Posts.

RP reminded people about the AGM. A brief discussion about who was standing and not ensued.

4. PotY

RP confirmed that the votes had been checked and confirmed, Fifteens had 40 votes, Cask & Tap 35, Cask, Layton 25 and the Taps 25. Fifteens was as a result the winner.

5. CpotY

The committee considered the options for CpotY and decided hat Cask & Tap was CPotY.

6. Finance Report

GM reported that FBF accounts were now cleared. All was in order with the finances.

7. Membership Report

RJ stated that branch members stood at 2154, National 152540. Peterborough have over taken us again, we're now 7th.

8. Beer Festival Report

GL commented that 2022 was all sorted.

9. Pubs Officers Reports

ML commented that it was very quiet and there was nothing new to report. A request had been made to publinks to planning sites in the coments when a pub was closed if change of use had been



applied for in Pubzilla.

GL commented that we need more NBSS scores, but few members of the branch are scoring. RP say you can lead a horse to water but you can't make them drink.

10. Social Trips

We need to look at more socials, but without a branch social officer and money for a coach it hard. We'll discuss at the next branch meeting.

11. Branch Mailout

Nothing of urgent importance.

12. PotS Rules Amendments.

It was agreed to take the following rule changes to the next branch meeting for use starting Summer 2023.

At the start of the season Spring-March, Summer-June, Autumn-September, Winter-December, we ask the branch for suggestions of pubs that suitable for the award via branch e-mails and social media. A reason must be given (and not just I like it!). At the end of that month, the committee draws up a short list of 3-4 pubs based on that data. Voting opens online until just a week before the end of that season (ie Spring-May, Summer-August, Autumn-November, Winter-February) so that the result can be announced in the last week.

All other rules remain as they currently are.

13. AONB

RJ asked if CIU was taking place. AB said he would ask.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 4th May 2023 VTBC

